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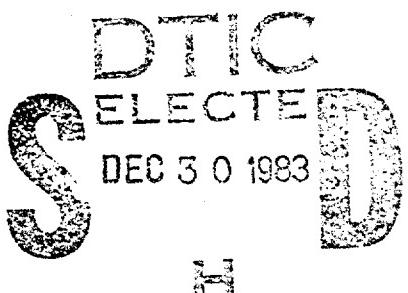
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INTRODUCTION

This is a preliminary bibliography of selected archival, manuscript and published materials pertaining to the history of underwater acoustics research and sonar development in the U.S., 1917 to the present. It is the first of a series of products that will result from a long-term historical studies project being undertaken at the Naval Research Laboratory (NRL), Washington, D.C. It was compiled to serve as a working bibliography during the early stages of a long-term research project and, as such, is neither definitive nor all-inclusive. Nonetheless, the bibliography is unique* and, for this reason, will be useful to other researchers interested in the subject. Ultimately, a final, critical bibliography will replace this preliminary bibliography.

Users of this bibliography should be aware that, in its current form, it is selective, rather than definitive. It was compiled to serve as a "working" bibliography for use in the early stages of a project to reconstruct and interpret the history of underwater acoustics and sonar development within the U.S. Navy and with particular reference to NRL. Accordingly, the selections emphasize R&D performed either within the Navy or under Navy sponsorship, and they give particular attention to work performed at NRL. Furthermore, the scientific and technical materials selected are not comprehensive or all-inclusive. The compiler selected those which, collectively, would reveal prevailing views and priorities at given times, the evolution of particular lines of research, and significant developments and changes of direction within the field.

The bibliography is also somewhat idiosyncratic, as it reflects the historical perspective and historical interests of the compiler. First, the bibliography emphasizes the literature of underwater acoustics as it pertained to submarine detection, even though acoustics research had other important applications (for example, acoustic torpedoes and mines). Second, the bibliography is not limited to materials directly related to underwater acoustics and sonar. Considerable space is given to the more general literature, which reveals the broader contexts within which underwater acoustics evolved, and to materials pertaining to physical oceanography and non-acoustic methods of submarine detection. Finally, the bibliography is organized by categories and sub-categories which are meaningful to the compiler; other forms of organization are possible.

The bibliography is being issued in two volumes. The second volume will be a preliminary bibliography of materials pertaining to undersea warfare R&D since 1946.

* Extensive bibliographies have been prepared under the auspices of the National Academy of Sciences, the Office of Naval Research and others. However, these are technical bibliographies intended for use by researchers in acoustics. A British historian, Dr. Willem Hackmann has written a history of underwater acoustics in the Royal Navy, which is in press; however, his bibliography has not been available for review, and he does not plan to prepare and distribute a comprehensive bibliography.

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1.0. BIBLIOGRAPHIES.

1.1. Comment. Since 1951, numerous bibliographies of underwater acoustics and undersea warfare R&D have been published. Annual bibliographies have appeared in the U.S. Navy Journal of Underwater Acoustics since 1951. In 1955, the Library of Congress, the Office of Naval Research (ONR) and the NRL cooperated in the compilation of a continuing bibliography, "Underwater Sound: An Annotated Bibliography." The first two volumes were published by the LoC and surveyed literature published from 1941-1955. Subsequent volumes, surveys of literature published after 1955, were published each 1-2 years through the early 1970s by ONR. In 1959, ONR began publishing a continuing series, "Undersea Warfare Research and Development: A Tripartite Bibliography." Finally, in 1957, the Committee on Undersea Warfare of the National Research Council, under ONR contract, published A Partial Bibliography on Undersea Warfare. Subsequent issues appeared on an irregular basis through 1974. All of these bibliographies are classified. With the exception of the NRC bibliography, they reference only published materials and technical reports prepared by contractor and Navy laboratories. Unpublished materials cited in the NRC bibliography are limited to those prepared by the Committee on Undersea Warfare.

1.2. The following bibliographies are guides to undersea warfare literature published before 1946. Bergman, Ultrasonics, is a textbook which contains a 1048-item bibliography. The entries pertain to one specialized area of acoustics, and less than 20% of the references relate to underwater acoustics. The Columbia University bibliography is an excellent guide to the published technical literature of underwater acoustics; however, it does not contain information on unpublished archival and manuscript materials. The bibliography compiled by the Committee on Undersea Warfare is exceptional in several ways: it traces the literature of the submarine to the late 1500s; it places strong emphasis on general materials (e.g., Congressional reports, popular articles, historical studies, etc.); it includes some references to manuscripts; and it identifies many useful articles which appeared in obscure and extinct publications. Its principal limitations are that it is skewed toward pro-submarine warfare and submarine technology, gives relatively little space to original scientific and technical studies (the entries for underwater sound are primarily articles written by non-specialists for reading by general audiences), and does not cite archival materials.

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Committee on Undersea Warfare. An Annotated Bibliography of Submarine Technical Literature, 1557-1953. Washington: National Research Council-National Academy of Sciences, 1954.

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2.0. ARCHIVAL AND MANUSCRIPT SOURCES.

2.1. Comment. The vast majority of archival and manuscript materials pertaining to undersea warfare R&D are in files which are subsets of larger, more general records collections. The principal collections are in the National Archives, the Library of Congress, and the archives of the National Research Council. The following is a general listing of these collections. A detailed description and an assessment will be presented in a later, critical bibliography.

2.2. Before World War I.

a. Navy Department, Historical Records, 1775-1911, Records Group 45 National Archives, Washington D.C.

Series B, "Ordnance," Subseries BM, "Mines and Torpedoes": 13 folders pertaining to submarine design and engineering.

Series K, "Nautical Science and Technology," Subseries KH, "Hydrography": 3 folders pertaining to acoustic and non-acoustic sounding techniques.

Series O, "Fleet Operations," Subseries ON, "Strategy and Tactics": 2 folders pertaining to use of submarines in fleet operations.

b. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, records of, 1882-1968, R.G. 38, National Archives.

2.3. World War I Era.

a. Bureau of Ships (including Bureau of Engineering), records of, R.G. 19, Nat. Arch.

Materials on submarine design and engineering.

b. Josephus Daniels Papers, Manuscripts Division, Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

Materials pertaining to Naval Consulting Board and submarine/anti-submarine warfare, interfiled with other materials.

c. Stanford C. Hooper Papers, Manuscripts Division, LoC.

Containers 39-40: Tape recordings of a "History of Sonar".

d. National Research Council Archives, Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.

Comm. on Physics: Sub-Comm. on Submarine Detection, 1917: 11 Folders pertaining to acoustic and non-acoustic detection projects.

Comm. on Physics: Projects: Submarine Detection, 1918: 8 folders pertaining to submarine detection projects and reports.

Exec. Comm., 1915-1919: Correspondence and reports pertaining to NRC relations with contractors, universities, foreign governments and the Navy.

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Boxes 19-24: Solicited and unsolicited ideas for inventions, some pertaining to anti-submarine warfare and submarine detection devices.

Box 32, Folder 3, & Box 33, Folder 1: Correspondence with Secretary of Navy re submarine warfare.

Boxes 41-43: Miscellaneous materials pertaining to anti-submarine warfare, particularly submarine chasers.

f. Naval Engineering Experiment Station, New London, Ct, Correspondence, Reports and Administrative Records of, R.G. 181, Acc. Nr. 10294, Federal Records Center, Suitland, Maryland (Erroneously filed as "Harvey Hayes Papers").

Approximately 20 cu. ft. of documents pertaining to submarine detection research and development, 1917-1920, and to the Navy Department Special Board on Anti-Submarine Devices. Documents are in 413 numbered folders.

g. Navy Department, Historical Records, 1911-1927, R.G. 45, National Archives.

Series L, "Strategy and Tactics," Sub-Series LA, "Anti-Submarine Warfare": Approximately 90 file folders pertaining to submarine detection devices and techniques.

Series C, H, I, J, O and P: Miscellaneous documents pertaining to submarine warfare interfiled with general materials on Navy operations, policies, facilities and regulations.

h. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, records of, Operational Archives, Naval History Center, Washington, D.C.

Records of the Submarine Warfare Division, 1915-1952.

i. Office of Chief of Naval Operations, records of, 1882-1968, R.G. 38, National Archives.

j. Secretary of the Navy, records of, R.G. 80, National Archives.

Documents pertaining to submarine and anti-submarine warfare interfiled with correspondence and administrative records.

2.4. Inter-War Era, 1919-1939.

a. Harold G. Bowen Papers, Manuscripts Div., LoC.

b. Bureau of Ships, records of, R.G. 19, Nat. Arch.

Entries 993 & 994: "General Correspondence" and "Index to General Correspondence", both 1923-1940: 2400 cu. ft. Scattered references to submarine detection research and development.

Bureau of Ships, cont.:

Entry 1015: "Reports of Tests at the Naval Research Laboratory, 1933-1940": one-half cu. ft.

Entries 1016 -1021: Various reports and records of tests on vessels, including submarines, through 1939: 150 cu. ft.

- c. Josephus Daniels Papers, Manuscripts Div., LoC.
- d. General Board of the Navy, records of, Operational Archives, Naval History Center, Washington Navy Yard, Washington, D.C.
- e. Stanford Hooper Papers, Manuscripts Div., LoC.
- f. National Research Council Archives, National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.

Committee on Physical Sciences: Submarine Detection, 1919: 1 folder, summary report for General Board of Navy .

Exec. Comm., 1919-1931: Government Agencies: Navy: 5 folders pertaining primarily to Navy interest in oceanography.

Exec. Comm., 1923-1931: Committee on Oceanography: 4 folders pertaining to submarine topography and physical oceanography.

- g. Naval Research Laboratory, records of, R.G. 19, National Archives.

Unclassified Series:

Boxes 32-35: NRL Budgets, 1923-1941.

Boxes 99-102: Records of NRL Sound Division, 1923-1942.

Confidential Series:

Boxes 3-7: Monthly reports of Radio and Sound Divisions.

Box 10: Misc. materials on anti-submarine warfare.

Boxes 54-62: Records of the Sound Division, 1923-1942.

NOTE: Files are arranged in series based on original security classifications. All of the files have been declassified.

- h. Navy Department, Historical Records, 1911-1927, 1927-1942, R.G. 45, Nat. Arch.

Same series as described above.

- i. Edgar G. Oberlin Papers, Manuscripts Div., LoC.

j. Office of Chief of Naval Operations, Operational Archives, Naval History Center, Washington, D.C.

Records of the Submarine Warfare Division, 1915-1952.

2.4. World War II Era, 1939-1945.

- a. Harold G. Bowen Papers, Manuscripts Div., Library of Congress.
- b. Bureau of Ships, records of, R.G. 19, National Archives.
- c. Vannevar Bush Papers, Manuscripts Div., Library of Congress.
- d. Julius A. Furer Papers, Manuscripts Div., Library of Congress.
- e. General Board of the Navy, records of, Operational Archives, Naval History Center, Washington, D.C.
- f. Naval Research Laboratory, records of, 1942-1946, R.G. 181, Federal Records Center, Suitland, Md.

Accession Nr. 10294, "Harvey Hayes Papers": Mislabeled file--see para. 2.3, "Naval Engineering Experiment Station."

Acc. Nrs. 7184 & 11704, Unclassified Administrative Records of NRL, 1923-1950: Primarily records of the period 1942-1950. Sound Division materials interfiled with general materials.

Acc. Nrs. 8018 and 11029: Confidential and Secret Administrative Records of the NRL, 1923-1946: The overall accessions remain classified; however, most of the file documents have been declassified.

Acc. Nr. 11704: Unclassified NRL Problems Files, 1923-1950: Primarily records of the period 1942-1950.

Boxes 93-95: Sound Division.

Acc. Nr. 8018: Confidential NRL Problem Files, 1923-1950: The overall accession remains classified; however, most of the documents have been declassified.

Boxes 54-61: Sound Division.

Acc. Nr. 71-A-1984: Miscellaneous Records of the Acoustics Division, 1947-1967: The accession includes approximately 1 cu. ft. of materials (primarily progress reports on Division activities) pertaining to the period 1942-1946, which are interfiled with more recent materials. These materials have been declassified, but they are filed with classified materials.

NOTE: NRL records in storage at Suitland, Maryland, are the property of the Laboratory and may not be used by outside researchers without the permission of the Commanding Officer. This requirement applies to unclassified, as well as classified, records.

g. Navy Coordinator of Research and Development, records of, R.G. 298, National Archives.

Series A, "Coordinator's Files," Sub-Series A-3, "Laboratories", Box 8, Folder A3-2, "NRL."

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Series D, "Problems," Boxes 61-65, "Underwater Sound"; Boxes 96-101, "Sub-Surface Warfare."

h. Office of the Chief of Naval Operations, records of, Operational Archives, Naval History Center, Washington, D.C.

Records of the Central Division, 1941-1943.

Records of the Fleet Operations Division, 1944-1950.

Records of the Immediate Offices of the Chief of Naval Operations/Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet.

Records of the Submarine Warfare Division, 1915-1952.

i. Office of the Commander in Chief, U.S. Fleet, records of, Operational Archives, Naval History Center, Washington, D.C.

Records of the Tenth Fleet, 1941-1946: includes records of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Operations Research Group.

Records of the New Weapons, Research, and Development Section, 1943-1945.

j. Office of Scientific Research and Development (including the National Defense Research committee and the National Research Council), R.C. 227, National Archives.

k. Secretary of the Navy/Chief of Naval Operations, Central Security-Classified Records, 1940-1947, R.G. 80, National Archives.

3.0. HISTORICAL STUDIES.

3.1. Histories of undersea warfare are numerous, but the vast majority are popular accounts of submarine development and pro-submarine warfare, written by non-historians, and intended for general audiences. The majority of these accounts either ignore underwater acoustics and related R&D or give it brief, superficial attention. Historical studies focused on underwater acoustics and sonar are few in number and are limited to the works of Hackmann (a professional historian), Lasky (a former Navy specialist in anti-submarine warfare policy and planning) and Klein (a former specialist in underwater sound). Hackmann's book, which is in press, will give some attention to developments in the U.S. Lasky's articles provide comprehensive reconstruction of the scientific and technical aspects and reveal a sincere attempt to relate these to broader historical issues.

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Technical documents pertaining to undersea warfare R&D before 1923 often are in the form of unpublished reports. These may be found in the referenced archival and manuscripts collections. Some technical surveys were published in scientific and engineering periodicals. Technical materials prepared after 1923 often are found as technical reports published by institutions (e.g. NRL Formal Reports).

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